MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: I wanted, by means of this supplementary question, to bring to the pointed attention of Government that the printing obtained in the Government Press is hopeless and unsatisfactory.

PRESIDENT: But why did the honourable member reserve this till the printing was done?

Increased cultivation of essential food crops.

176 *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state the action taken by them to increase the production of essential food crops within the State?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI: The measures taken by Government are:

1. Propaganda for extension of cultivation under the "Grow More Food Campaign" has been pushed forward vigorously by the officers of the Agricultural Department, with the result that there has been a 30% increase in the area under Tapioca during the past one year.

2. 21 manure depots were opened by the Agricultural Department in different parts of the State and manures to the aggregate value of over Rs. 60,000 were stocked in them and sold on cash and credit to farmers so far.

3. Hire purchase facilities for implements have been provided by the Department and many have availed themselves of the offer.

4. 34,000 acres of Forest Reserves have been released for being leased out for definite periods for raising food crops.

5. 10,000 acres of Lake Reclamations, left fallow by cultivators, were taken up by Government and leased out for cultivation of paddy in 1118.

6. 600 acres of single crop lands in North Travancore have been converted into double crop lands through Lift Irrigation by means of Electric Power from the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Project. Arrangements have been made to extend the area so as to cover 2000 acres.

7. A scheme to grow pulses in the off season after the Kumbhom harvest in South Travancore was put into operation during the current year and 200 acres came under it. It is expected that at least 1000 acres will come under it next year and arrangements to supply seeds are being made.

8. A scheme to lease out water-free areas of tank beds for vegetable growing in the off season has been put into operation. 50 tank beds were leased out this year.

9. A programme of developing minor irrigation facilities in Central Travancore has been worked out and funds to the extent of Rs. 50,000 have been sanctioned.

10. A scheme to manufacture compost on a large scale out of Town and market sweepings has been put into operation under the supervision of the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research and partly financed by them. A scheme to make organic compost for distribution in rural areas has been launched jointly by the Forest and Agricultural

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[Mr. K. Subramonia Pillai]

Departments, and about 50 tons of the manure have been made in the Reserve Forest area at Chooliamalai, Nedumangad. The extension of this work is contemplated to other convenient areas in due course.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know from the honourable member whether he has at least roughly, calculated the amount of money that would be required to provide manure for all the cultivations undertaken in Travancore?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI: I claim notice.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the honourable member whether it is not, only one-third of the total quantity required for the State for the cultivation, that is manufactured at present?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI: I have not got the accurate figures.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: About the lake reclamations, may I know from the honourable member whether any part of the Kayamkulam lake area has been reclaimed for cultivation?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI: There was a question about the reclamation of the Kayamkulam lake. But it is under correspondence. There were certain objections about it, so it is under correspondence.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: May I know from the honourable member whether Government are aware that the cultivation in the lands that have been recently leased out by Government is a thorough failure?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI: I am not aware of that.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know from the honourable member whether he has made any enquiry as to how many acres can be reclaimed from the Kayamkulam lake?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI: No, Sir, I have not made any enquiry.

Advocates, Pleaders, etc., in the State.

177 * **MR. G. VELU PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of advocates, first grade pleaders and second grade pleaders respectively in the State at present?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI:

Advocates	...	1,210
First Grade Pleaders	...	108
Second Grade Pleaders	...	947

Green Manure.

178 * **MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is shortage of green leaves manure required for paddy cultivation?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI: It is reported that farmers are experiencing shortage of green leaf manure. Government have already issued instructions to the Conservator of Forests to arrange for the Reserve Forests being thrown open temporarily for the removal of green manure subject to certain conditions.

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